Writing 1320

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Single mothers and the struggle they go through

In today society single mothers are becoming more and more well known. Why is this happing though? It makes you wonder are there more single mothers because of divorce or unknown fathers, or maybe being a single mother is a decision they have chosen. There are multiple reasons on why there could be a single mother in the household. It’s pretty hard already being a single parent, but to have to worry about financial needs as well is a bearing on somebody. I will explain to you different reasons or causes on why in today’s world there are more single mothers and the struggle they go through.

Lynn Olcott a teacher at Auburn Correctional Facility in New York writes and essay called “The Ballad of a Single Mother”. In this essay she states that the single mother explains her trouble at raising a child on her own. The single mother talks about how money was always a problem and how underpaid she was. She even tells how the women who helped care for her children were also underpaid. Even putting her child in preschool took over a quarter of her monthly income away from her take home salary. (446) this single mother speaks out how hard it was to even keep her son on the soccer team at one point in time when she lost her job. Not only did this single mother lose her job, once she found another job it was a much lower pay though. (447) Good thing there were some good coaches on the team who helped pay for her son to play soccer, (447) this single mom was barely making it by even with the little helped she was offered through work and friends. (447)

It kind of makes you wonder what would happen if she wasn’t given any of these opportunities to get healthcare or insurance through work. If the world didn’t have kind hearted people to help pay for her son to play soccer he wouldn’t get the chance too, or if she didn’t have help to watch her kids while she is at work. Being a single mother not only do you struggle with bills or providing for your child, you miss out on important parts of a child life. While you’re working so hard to make it possible for them to wake up and have the things they need by going to work all the time you miss the important part of their life. So in this case being a single mother wasn’t an option it was something that just happen. Not to get confuse though there are women out there who just prefer to be a single mother rather than being married.

Valerie Mannis wrote “Single Mothers by Choice” in this article she interviews ten women all who states different reasons to why they prefer to be a single mother instead of a married one. Reasons on why there are single mothers could be a range of different things, one states was maybe because of social influences something that happen in her home that she may have experienced. It could be political forces that made her able to adopt internationally. They talk about how expanding technologies and changing social mores could have an impact on a decision making in becoming a single mother also. (Mannis)

Some people complain about welfare or any other government support people get. They complain on how the government should cut it off, but if they cut it off what would happen to the people in society like the single mothers that really need it. Do we think about the kids in the situations who it might effect, or are we so tied up into hurting the next person. Being raised by a single grandmother it wasn’t as bad for me because my dad was military, but I witness my best friend mom struggle to provide for her kids and juggling two jobs. She was on food stamps and no telling what other welfare but at the end of the day it wasn’t enough. When you have kids who play sport or kids constantly growing you have to support that. So just cause you got it good look at the person next to you, maybe they don’t have it as good as you.

Hey Wimberly!! Great proposal I just added that you may need to clean it up a little. Good job though, also thank you for reviewing my paper and giving pointer I really appreciate it. Another thing I would add is that you may need to re-word some of your statements like Ms.More was saying in class you may need to switch something’s up to make them seem more of fact and definite statements.

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